Shilpgram Project

747. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the list of organizations being funded by Government in Assam under various schemes indicating total sanction, purpose, instalment-wise sanction and utilization status;

(b) whether any time limit is fixed to release subsequent instalments from the day of receiving utilization certificate of the earlier grant;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the steps taken to prevent inordinate delay;

(e) the details of pending applications with stage of sanction; and

(f) the implementation status of Shilpgram project under NEZCC at Guwahati and the likely time of resuming construction work?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) A statement is annexed (*See* below).

(b) to (d) utilisation Certificate is to be issued within a period of 18 months and thereafter subsequent instalments (s) is released after obtaining and examining the correctness of the various documents according to the requirements of the guidelines of the scheme.

(e) No application is pending for the the year 2001-2002.

(f) A Committee was set by Governor of Assam, who is also the Chairman of NEZCC, for making recommendations regarding setting up Shilpgram at Guwahati. As per the recommendations of the committee the whole design concept of the project has been reviewed keeping in view the changes suggested by the Committee. The revised Detailed Project Report alongwith revised estimated cost is to be prepared by NEZCC.

Statement

The list of organizations in Assam funded by Department of Culture during 2001-2002 is as under:

Sl. No.	Name of organisation	Total Sanctioned grant	Purpose of grant	Instalments released	Utilisation Status
1.	Seagull, Guwahati, Assam	4,92,000	Salary Grant	4,92,000	Nothing pending
2.	Association of Kundigira Art & Culture, Lakhimpur, Assam	2,00,000	Promotion of Tribal/Folk Arts and Culture	Rs.60,000 First instalment	Utilization Certificate is still awaited.
3.	NABIK North Lakhimpur, Assam	2,62,000	Building Grant	2,62,950	Nothing pending
4.	Kristi Vikas Samaj, Assam	2,70,000	Building Grant	2,70,000	Nothing pending
5.	Majuli Island Protection & Dev. Council, Guwahati, Assam	15,00,000	Renovation of 3 Museums (i) Natun Kamalabari (ii) Dakhinpat (iii) Auniati	12,00,000 in two instalments	Utilisation Certificate for 2nd Instalement is awaited.
6.	Vivekanand Kendra Institute of Culture, Assam	11,19,000	Developing Infrastructure for documentation and preservation of cultural heritage of the North Eastern Region	11,19,000 in two instalments.	Nothing pending.
7.	Students Experience in Inter-State Living, Guwahati, Assam	1,29,00,000	Setting up of a Youth Development Centre in Guwahati.	43,00,000	The remaining amount could not be released for want of budget allocation.
8.	Buddhist Literature Council of Assam, Bongaigaion, Assam	3,00,000	(i) Research-Rs. 1.00 lakh (ii) Award of Fellowship Rs.0.75 lakh (iii) Purchase of Books, catealoguing and publication & translation - Rs.1.25 lakhs	1,50,000 First instalement.	Utilisation Certificate is still awaited.